

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

The Status of the Claims

1. (Currently amended) A bottle comprising:

a bottle jacket open on both sides, wherein a base cap including an air intake valve is fastened to a bottom-side end region of the bottle jacket, and

a teat fastened to an opposite, teat-side end region of the bottle jacket, wherein the bottle jacket is open in each of the bottom-side end region and the teat-side region, which teat comprises a shaft and a nipple following said shaft via a lip contacting region,

wherein the bottle jacket has a substantially conical shape widening from the teat-side end region to the bottom-side end region and the wall thickness of the shaft of the teat is greater than the wall thickness of the teat in the lip contacting region and of the nipple,

wherein ~~the air valve comprises a circular ring shaped diaphragm, and~~ the base cap comprises a central elevated portion, and a circular ring-shaped diaphragm for providing an air valve in the manner of a flap valve, and

~~wherein the diaphragm is inserted in the base cap in a pre-stressed state, and in a closed position of the air valve an inner end portion of the diaphragm abuts on the central elevated portion of the base cap~~

wherein a sealing lip is provided at an inner end region of the diaphragm, which is angled relative to a base-cap-adapted course of the diaphragm, such that in a closed position of the air valve only an inner end portion of the diaphragm abuts on the central elevated portion of the base cap in a pre-stressed state.

2. (Currently amended) A bottle according to claim 1, wherein each end region of the bottle jacket is provided with a thread for receiving a the base cap on the bottom-side end region of the bottle jacket, and for receiving a sleeve cap on the teat-side end region of the bottle jacket.

3. (Currently amended) A bottle according to claim 2, wherein the teat is fastened by ~~means of a~~ the sleeve cap to the teat-side end region ~~having the smaller diameter~~, a teat flange being clamped between the sleeve cap and a front face of the teat-side end region by screwing engagement of the sleeve cap with the bottle jacket.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Previously presented) A bottle according to claim 1, wherein a fastening flange of the diaphragm is clamped between a front face of the bottom-side end region and the base cap.

6. (Previously presented) A bottle according to claim 1, wherein at least one air intake opening is provided in the base cap.

7. (Currently amended) A bottle according to claim 5, wherein the diaphragm has a shape corresponding to ~~the~~ a cup-shaped design of the base cap.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously presented) A bottle according to claim 7, wherein the diaphragm has an inner diameter of at least 15 mm.

10. (Previously presented) A bottle according to claim 1, wherein the base cap is designed calotte-shaped with the central elevated portion.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously presented) A bottle according to claim 1, wherein the shaft has a wall thickness of substantially 2.00 mm to 2.50 mm, and the lip contacting region has a wall thickness of substantially 1.20 mm to 1.50 mm.

14. (Previously presented) A bottle according to claim 1, wherein the lip contacting region has at least one zone with a wall thickness which is thinner than the wall thickness of the remaining lip contacting region.

15. (Previously presented) A bottle according to claim 14, wherein the at least one zone has a wall thickness of substantially 1.30 to 1.60 mm.

16. (Previously presented) A bottle according to claim 14, wherein the at least one zone of reduced wall thickness extends as far as into the nipple.

17. (Previously presented) A bottle according to claim 14, wherein the at least one zone is substantially triangular in elevational view.

18. (Previously presented) A bottle according to claim 14, wherein the at least one zone of reduced wall thickness is reinforced by at least one stiffening rib.

19. (Previously presented) A bottle according to claim 18, wherein the stiffening rib in the region of the at least one zone of reduced wall thickness is provided on the inner side of the teat.

20. (Previously presented) A bottle according to claim 18, wherein the stiffening rib extends as far as into the nipple.

21. (Previously presented) A bottle according to claim 1, wherein the nipple has a substantially oval cross-section, whereas the shaft has a circular cross-section.

22. (Previously presented) A bottle according to claim 14, wherein two diametrically opposite zones of reduced wall thickness are provided.

23. (Previously presented) A bottle according to claim 22, wherein the nipple has a substantially oval cross-section including opposed flatter sides, and the two zones of reduced wall thickness are located in a region of the flatter sides of the nipple.

24. (Previously presented) A bottle according to claim 14, wherein the at least one zone of reduced wall thickness, at least partially has an increased surface roughness of 100 μm at the most.

25. (Previously presented) A bottle according to claim 24, wherein a surface roughness of approximately 10 μm to approximately 40 μm , is provided.

26. (Previously presented) A bottle according to claim 1, wherein the teat is an injection-molded part.

27. (Previously presented) A bottle according to claim 1, wherein the teat is made of a thermoplastic elastomer.

28. (Previously presented) A bottle according to claim 1, wherein the teat is made of an elastomeric material.

29. (Previously presented) A bottle according to claim 1, wherein the bottle jacket comprises a polyolefin.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Previously presented) A bottle according to claim 29 wherein the bottle jacket comprises a polypropylene.